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Sir:

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Documents AD-AI and AS were cited in the International Search Report. A copy of the ISR is attached.

Documents AF-AI and AR are discussed on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the instant specification. Document AG (WO95/34693) corresponds to EP-A-0769080.

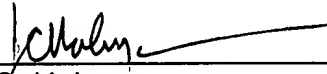
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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application.

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